

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— POLL TAX—REPEAL

S. J. R. No. 1

Proposing an amendment to Sections 2 and 4 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to repeal the provision making payment of the poll tax a requirement for voting and so as to authorize the Legislature to provide for the registration of all voters.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Sections 2 and 4 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read, respectively, as follows:

"Section 2. Every person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years and who shall be a citizen of the United States and who shall have resided in this state one year next preceding an election and the last six months within the district or county in which such person offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; provided that any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or component branches thereof, or in the military service of the United States, may vote only in the county in which he or she resided at the time of entering such service so long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces; and provided further, that before offering to vote at an election a voter shall have registered if required by law to do so. The Legislature may authorize absentee voting. This Amendment shall take effect on December 1, 1963.

"Section 4. In all elections by the people the vote shall be by secret ballot. The Legislature shall provide for the numbering of ballots and make such other regulations as may be necessary to detect and punish fraud and preserve the purity of elections, and may provide by law for the registration of all voters. Should the Legislature enact a registration law in anticipation of the adoption of this Amendment, such law shall not be invalid by reason of its anticipatory character."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the state at an election to be held on the first Saturday after the first Monday in November, 1963, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the amendment of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to repeal the provision making payment of the poll tax a requirement for voting and so as to authorize the Legislature to provide for the registration of all voters."

"AGAINST the amendment of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to repeal the provision making payment of the poll tax a requirement for voting and so as to authorize the Legislature to provide for the registration of all voters."

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Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Passed the Senate, April 1, 1963: Yeas 22, Nays 7; May 24, 1963, Senate concurred in House amendments: Yeas 23, Nays 7; adopted by the House on May 15, 1963, with amendments: Yeas 109, Nays 27. Filed without Governor's signature May 30, 1963.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—PERMANENT
SCHOOL FUND—TRANSFER TO AVAILABLE
SCHOOL FUND

S. J. R. No. 6

Proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to remove the authorization to transfer not exceeding one per cent annually of the total value of the permanent school fund to the available school fund.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas is amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. The principal of all bonds and other funds, and the principal arising from the sale of the lands hereinbefore set apart to said school fund, shall be the permanent school fund, and all the interest derivable therefrom and the taxes herein authorized and levied shall be the available school fund. The available school fund shall be applied annually to the support of the public free schools. And no law shall ever be enacted appropriating any part of the permanent or available school fund to any other purpose whatever; nor shall the same, or any part thereof ever be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school; and the available school fund herein provided shall be distributed to the several counties according to their scholastic population and applied in such manner as may be provided by law."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1964, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment to remove the authorization to transfer not exceeding one per cent annually of the total value of the permanent school fund to the available school fund."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment to remove the authorization to transfer not exceeding one per cent annually of the total value of the permanent school fund to the available school fund."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Passed the Senate, February 13, 1963: Yeas 29, Nays 0; passed the House, May 15, 1963: Yeas 113, Nays 27. Filed without Governor's signature May 30, 1963.